(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sports Authority of India, New Delhi, for the year 2003-2004, togetherwith the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay inlaying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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MoU (2006-07) between the Govt of India consultants India Limited (TCIL) and Telecommunication.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India [Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Telecommunications) and the Telecommunications consultants India Limited (TCIL), for the year 2006-07].

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Report and Accounts (2004-05) of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA) Sir, I lay on theTable—

(i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 24 of the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), New Delhi, for the year 2004-05, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

(ii) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Need to pay 'Anganwadi' workers wages commensurate with their work

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT (West Bengal): Sir, I thank you for having given me this opportunity. Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House to the ongoing relay hunger strike of thousands of anganwadi workers and helpers who have come here from all corners of the country. आज इस मौसम में, बारिश के बावजूद वे यहां दस दिन की भूख हड़ताल पर बैठे हैं।। मैं इस सदन का ध्यान आकर्षित करते हुए, यह भी कहना चाहूंगी कि ये ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में ऐसी सेवाएं दे रहे हैं, And it is very clear, Sir, that this is the largest workforce of women working a Government's scheme with the lowest of wages. Sir, the ICDS is mandated to take six tasks from these workers and helpers. But this House will be shocked to know that instead of six tasks, the Government is taking more than 18 tasks from them.

So, the first point is that commensurate with the work that these anganwadi workers and helpers are doing with commitment, and the services they are providing to rural India, particularly to the poor children, will the Government ensure that at present their low wages be replaced by recognition as Government employees? Therefore, commensurate with the work they are doing, they can get the wage-scales on a Government employees.

The second point, Sir,...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. First point is enough.

श्रीमती वृंदा कारत: सर, एक प्वाईंट है, क्योंकि इसमें सुप्रीम कोर्ट का जजमेंट है।..**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री सभापति: वह देख लेंगे।

श्रीमती वृंदा कारत: सर, सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा है कि युनिवर्सलाइजेशन ऑफ सर्विसेज होनी चाहिए। आज मात्र 16 करोड़ बच्चों की जरूरत है।..**(व्यवधान)**..

श्री सभापति: इसकी आवश्यकता नहीं है। आपने अपना प्वाइंट रेज कर दिया है। श्री ए. विजय राघवन।